

**The 2005 David S. Nelson Fellowship Program
For Boston Public School Students**

The United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts is pleased to announce the tenth year of the Judge David S. Nelson Fellowship Program for high school students in the Boston Public Schools. In 1979, Judge Nelson was appointed, by the President of the United States, as the first African-American judge on the federal trial court in Massachusetts. The Nelson Fellowships will provide Boston Public High School students, who have completed the eleventh grade, with summer internships working in offices of the Judges, Magistrate Judges, and Clerks of the United States District Court in Boston. The Fellows will also participate in educational events organized for them.

To be eligible, candidates must have successfully completed the eleventh or twelfth grade with at least a 2.7 (B-) grade point average and a satisfactory school attendance record. Fellows must be available to work 40 hours per week in July and August. Fellows will also be expected to attend an orientation session prior to beginning their internship. Fellows will be paid \$9.00 per hour. Fellows must also be U.S. citizens or legal residents.

Nelson Fellows will work in the United States District Court located on Fan Pier, Boston. Their responsibilities will include general office duties, such as copying, filing, and retrieval of files. Fellows may also be given special projects.

The Nelson Fellowship Program will also have an educational component. Fellows will observe court proceedings; meet with Judges, Magistrate Judges, and staff of the United States District Court; meet with representatives of agencies actively involved with the courts, including the Offices of the United States Attorney, the United States Marshal, and the Drug Enforcement Administration; and visit local private law firms.

Candidates should complete and submit the attached application by March 15th. Semi-finalists and finalists will be interviewed. Selections will be made by early May, 2005.

For further information, contact Catherine Chiu at (617)293-8594.

**THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
2005 JUDGE DAVID S. NELSON FELLOWSHIP**

Completed applications should be postmarked by March 15, 2005 and mailed to:

The Judge David S. Nelson Fellowship Program
C/O The Honorable Mark L. Wolf
United States District Court
1 Courthouse Way Room 5110
Boston, MA 02210

Applicants should preferably be current juniors in the Boston Public Schools.

To apply for the Judge David S. Nelson Fellowship, please submit:

- A letter of recommendation
- A copy of your current year's report card
- A copy of proof of U.S. Citizenship or legal resident status (green card)
- Answers to the questions below, typed on separate sheets, using 12 point Times New Roman Font. Please be sure to include your name and school at the top of each page. Please answer the following questions so that we can learn more about you and your interest in the Judge David S. Nelson Fellowship. Please elaborate as much as possible. Well-developed essays for the last three questions would be greatly appreciated.

PERSONAL CONTACT COVER SHEET

1. Name
2. Address
3. City/State/Zip Code
4. Telephone
5. Cellular Phone
6. Social Security Number
7. High School you attend and current year in school
8. Date of Birth and age
9. Parent/Guardian's Name
10. Parent/Guardian's Address (if different from above)
11. Parent/Guardian's Telephone
12. How did you hear about the Judge David Nelson Fellowship Program?

SHORT ESSAY QUESTIONS (Please be sure to include your name and school at the top of each page. It is NOT necessary for each essay question to be on a separate page.)

13. Why do you want to participate in the Nelson Fellowship Program?
14. What makes you a good candidate? Describe your best qualities?
15. How do you spend your free time? (Include hobbies, sports, and interests or obligations, such as work or family responsibilities) Feel free to include a resume, if available.
16. Do you feel that your academic record is an accurate reflection of your abilities? Why or why not? Are there any circumstances you feel the selection committee should be aware of?

ESSAY QUESTIONS

17. What is your impression of courts and the justice system? What about the legal system in other countries? (There is no right or wrong answer to this question.)
18. Do you believe that there is ever a time when it may be reasonable to place restrictions on freedom of speech?
19. Please describe your thoughts on leadership. Who do you think is a leader? What makes a good leader? This can be someone in your school, your church, or a local community group.